THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) to (c) whereas Indian Airlines proposed to operate Boeing services to Tirupati, this has not been possible since Tiruprti airport is not suitable for operations by Boeing-737 aircraft.

Interlinking the State Capitals by Air

732. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether every State Capital in the country is directly interlinked by air ;

(b) if not, whether Government have any scheme to do so ; and

(c) which of the State Capitals are not so linked as on the 30th June, 1989 ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI AFIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) No State Capital in the country is directly interlinked with all other State Capitals.

Cost of Electricity Generation in the Country

733. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) what is the average cost of generation of electricity in the country and at what average cost it is being made available to the cultivators Statewise ;

(b) what is the average cost at which it is supplied to the industrial sector, State-wise ; and

(c) whether Government propose to take any steps to provide electricity to the cultivators and small scale industrial sector at lower rates?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) and (b) A statement showing the State-wise average cost of generation and supply as well as average rate of realisation from agricultural and industrial sectors for the year ending 31st March, 1989 is given in Statement.

(c) The power in relation to fixation of tariff for different categories of consumers including agricultural and small scale industrial sectors vests with the State Governments/State Electricity Boards in terms of the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948.

Statement

Average cost of generation and supply of Power and average rate of realisation for the year ending March, 1989

Sl. No.	Name of the State Electricity Board	Average cost of generation and supply (without State Electricity Duty)	Average rate of realisation from Agricultural Sector	Average rate of realisation from Industrial Sector
		(Ps/Kwh)	(Ps/Kwh)	(Ps/Kwh)
1	Andhra Pradesh	61·44	4·50	108·12
2	Bihar	131·90	9·41	131·02
3	Gujarat	105·40	20·82	116·25
4	Haryana	88·36	28·01	115·36
5	Himachal Pradesh	117·26	20·00	70·59
6	Karnataka	77·74	11·55	100·50
7	Kerala	61·29	22·04	48·47
8	Madhya Pradesh	81·64	24·61	101·32
9	Maharashtra	91·11	9·00	112·54
10	Orissa	72·43	22·05	62·47
11	Punjab	84·45	9·18	62·84
12	Rajasthan	88·50	29·46	90·99
13	Tamil Nadu	90·01	11·20	88·36
14	Uttar Pradesh	101·34	22·67	108·16
15	West Bengal	122·14	26·86	91·06
16	Assam	224·76	30·00	82·76
17	Meghalaya	85·42	22·06	54·84
	TOTAL AVERAGE	91·04	15·70	97·85

Extension of Runway at Tirupati Airport

734. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1872 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th May, 1989 and state :

(a) whether the National Airports Authority of India has taken possession of the land at Tirupat for extending the runway ; and

(b) if so, what amount has been sanctioned for the purpose?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN) : (a) Yes, Sir.